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Applicant: Rolf STEIGER

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated June 15, 2001, in the above-identified application.

Applicant has simultaneously, under separate cover, submitted with this Amendment a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.183 invoking Extraordinary Circumstances for Waiver of Extension Fees (in whole or part), or in the alternative, as a Petition for payment of extension fees for filing this response (see copy enclosed for your records).



IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4, 6, 7 and 10 and amend claims 1, 5, 15, 18 and 19 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended). A recording sheet for ink jet printing comprising a support wherein at least one ink receiving layer is coated thereon and contains binders a porous inorganic oxide and an aliphatic hydroxycarboxylic acid with more than 2 C atoms; wherein said porous inorganic oxide is colloidal aluminum oxide, colloidal aluminum oxide/hydroxide or pseudo-bohemite and further includes at least one element of the rare earth metal series of the periodic system of the elements with atomic numbers 57 to 71.

5. (Twice Amended) A recording sheet according to claim 1 wherein said porous inorganic oxide is colloidal [ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>].